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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of)
KENNITH SMITH) Examiner: DINESH MELWANI
Serial No. 09/943,533) Group Art Unit 3677
Filed August 30, 2001)
For RUBBER BAND) Attorney Docket No. ALL.P.US0001
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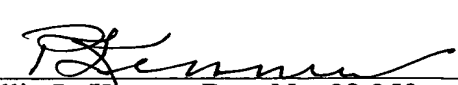
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Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the action dated March 5, 2003, of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 12-30.

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